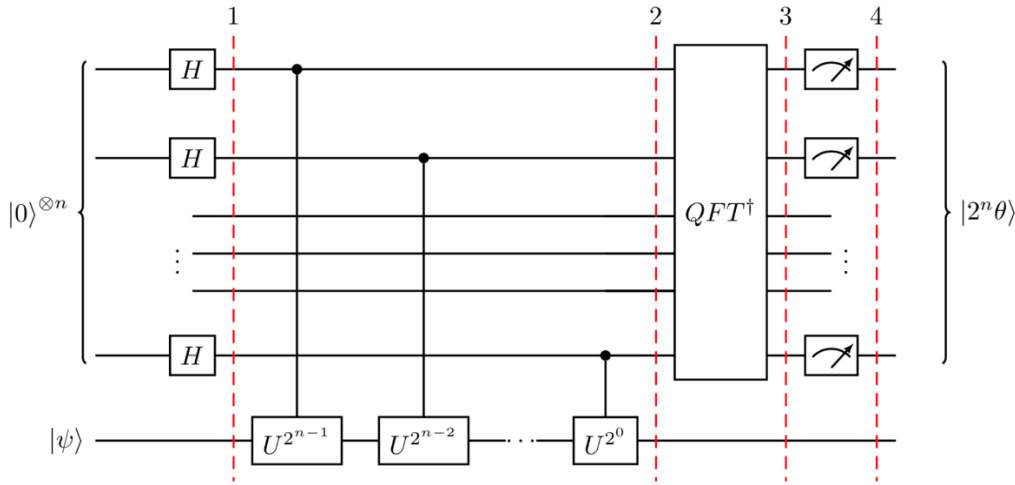


1. Background --- Quantum Phase Estimation (QPE)



Let U be a unitary operator. The circuit above estimates θ in $U|\psi\rangle = e^{i2\pi\theta}|\psi\rangle$, where $|\psi\rangle$ is an eigenvector of U and $e^{i2\pi\theta}$ is the corresponding eigenvalue.

Proof :

1. **Setup** : $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle^{\otimes n}|\psi\rangle$

2. **Superposition** : $|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)^{\otimes n}|\psi\rangle$

3. **Controlled Unitary Operations** :

The controlled unitary CU applies the unitary operator U on the target register only if its corresponding control bit is $|1\rangle$.

$$\because U|\psi\rangle = e^{i2\pi\theta}|\psi\rangle$$

$$\therefore U^{2^j}|\psi\rangle = U^{2^{j-1}}U|\psi\rangle = U^{2^{j-1}}e^{i2\pi\theta}|\psi\rangle = \dots = e^{i2\pi \cdot 2^j \theta}|\psi\rangle$$

After applying all the n controlled operations CU^{2^j} on $|\psi_1\rangle$ with $0 \leq j \leq n-1$, we can get

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + e^{i2\pi \cdot 2^{n-1} \theta}|1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{i2\pi \cdot 2^{n-2} \theta}|1\rangle) \otimes \dots \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{i2\pi \cdot 2^0 \theta}|1\rangle) \otimes |\psi\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} e^{i2\pi \cdot k \theta} |k\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$$

where k denotes the integer representation of n -bit binary numbers.

4. **Inverse Fourier Transform and measurement** :

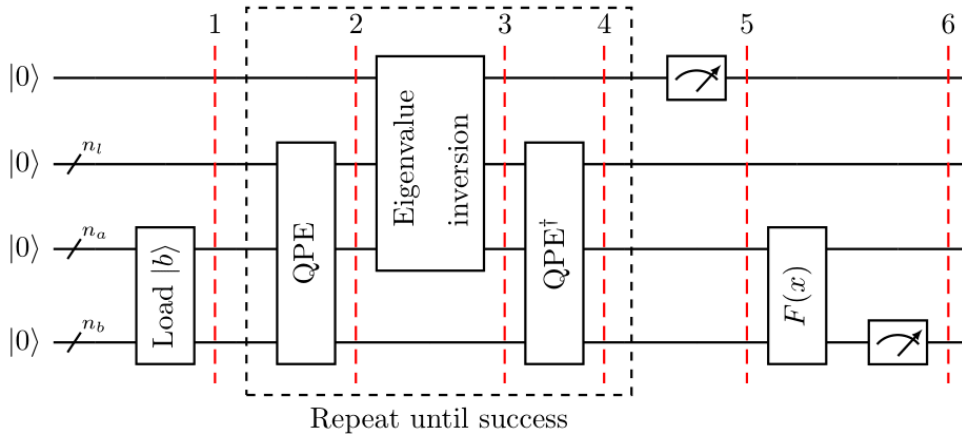
$$\text{known that } QFT|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + e^{\frac{i2\pi}{2}x}|1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{i2\pi}{2^2}x}|1\rangle) \otimes \dots \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{i2\pi}{2^n}x}|1\rangle)$$

replace x with $2^n \theta$, we can obtain $|\psi_2\rangle = QFT|2^n \theta\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$

$$\therefore QFT^{-1}|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} e^{-\frac{i2\pi k}{2^n}(x-2^n \theta)} |x\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \Rightarrow \text{measuring in the computational}$$

basis gets $|2^n \theta\rangle$ in the ancilla register with high probability.

2. Solving Linear Systems of Equations using HHL Algorithm



Problem : given a **Hermitian** matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ and a vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^N$, find $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ satisfying $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Reformulate the problem : $A|x\rangle = |b\rangle$ where the i th component of \mathbf{b} (\mathbf{x}) corresponds to the amplitude of the i th basis state of the quantum state $|b\rangle$ ($|x\rangle$)

Background :

1. Spectral decomposition of Hermitian matrix A

$$A = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \lambda_j |u_j\rangle\langle u_j| \quad \text{where } |u_j\rangle \text{ is the } j\text{th eigenvector of } A \text{ with corresponding eigenvalue } \lambda_j$$

Moreover, $\{|u_j\rangle \mid j \in [0, N-1]\}$ forms an **orthonormal basis**.

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\lambda_j} |u_j\rangle\langle u_j|$$

2. $|b\rangle$ can be represented in the eigenbasis of A iff $A|x\rangle = |b\rangle$ has any solution

$$|b\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |u_j\rangle$$

3. A is a Hermitian matrix, and thus A is invertible.

$$|x\rangle = A^{-1}|b\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{b_j}{\lambda_j} |u_j\rangle$$

Description of the HHL algorithm:

1. **Load the data $|b\rangle$** : $|0\rangle_{n_b} \mapsto |b\rangle_{n_b}$
2. **Apply QPE on $|0\rangle_{n_l}|b\rangle_{n_b}$ with $U = e^{iAt}$**

$$U = e^{iAt} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{i\lambda_j t} |u_j\rangle\langle u_j|$$

$$\because U|u_j\rangle_{n_b} = e^{i\lambda_j t}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} = e^{i2\pi\theta}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\lambda_j t}{2\pi}$$

$$\therefore QPE(U, |0\rangle_{n_l}|b\rangle_{n_b}) = QPE\left(U, \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |0\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |\tilde{\lambda}_j\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b}$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\lambda}_j \text{ is an } n_l\text{-bit approximation to } 2^{n_l}\theta = 2^{n_l}\frac{\lambda_j t}{2\pi}$$

If each λ_j can be exactly represented with n_l bits, then $\tilde{\lambda}_j = 2^{n_l}\frac{\lambda_j t}{2\pi}$

3. Add an ancilla qubit $|0\rangle$ and apply a y-axis rotation conditioned on $|\tilde{\lambda}_j\rangle_{n_l}$

$$\text{y-axis rotation operator} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{C}{\tilde{\lambda}_j}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_j}\right)$$

$$\text{ancilla qubit } |0\rangle \mapsto \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{C^2}{\tilde{\lambda}_j^2}}|0\rangle + \frac{C}{\tilde{\lambda}_j}|1\rangle\right)$$

$$\therefore \text{the result : } \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |\tilde{\lambda}_j\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{C^2}{\tilde{\lambda}_j^2}}|0\rangle + \frac{C}{\tilde{\lambda}_j}|1\rangle\right)$$

4. Apply QPE^\dagger

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |\tilde{\lambda}_j\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{C^2}{\tilde{\lambda}_j^2}}|0\rangle + \frac{C}{\tilde{\lambda}_j}|1\rangle\right)$$

$$\mapsto \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |0\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{C^2}{\tilde{\lambda}_j^2}}|0\rangle + \frac{C}{\tilde{\lambda}_j}|1\rangle\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} b_j |0\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b} \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_j^2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\lambda_j}|1\rangle\right)$$

5. Measure the ancilla qubit in the computational basis

If the measurement outcome is $|1\rangle$, then the post-measurement state becomes

$$\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{b_j}{\lambda_j} |0\rangle_{n_l}|u_j\rangle_{n_b}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{|b_j|^2}{|\lambda_j|^2}}} \Rightarrow \text{select the lower } n_b \text{ qubits : } \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{b_j}{\lambda_j} |u_j\rangle_{n_b}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{|b_j|^2}{|\lambda_j|^2}}} = \frac{|x\rangle}{\|x\|}$$

$$\text{In addition, the probability of measuring } |1\rangle \text{ in the ancilla qubit} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{|b_j|^2}{|\lambda_j|^2} = \|x\|^2$$